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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF US MARITIME BOUNDARIES WITH CANADA

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1. VANCOUVER SUN OF NOVEMBER 5 CARRIED SHORT REPORT BY FRANK RUTER (SUN WASHINGTON BUREAU) TO THE EFFECT THAT US ANNOUNCED ITS BOUNDARY CLAIMS ON NOVEMBER 4 AS A "COUNTER-MOVE" TO CANADA'S PUBLICATION OF ITS FISHING ZONE LIMITS. RUTTER QUOTES DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL AS SAYING THAT US ACTION WAS TAKEN "TO PROTECT OUR INTERESTS" AND THAT THIRD-PARTY ARBITRATION IN THE FOUR US-CANADA DISPUTED AREAS WILL BE CONSIDERED IF ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS FAIL.

2. THE PROVINCE OF NOVEMBER 5 RAN SHORT UPI (OTTAWA DATELINE) REPORT, CAPTIONED "US OBJECTS TO NEW FISH ZONES," WHICH STATES THAT US "OFFICIALLY" TOLD CANADA ON NOVEMBER 4 THAT IT DOES NOT AGREE WITH CANADA'S NEW BOUNDARY COORDINATES. EXTAFF SPOKESMAN IS QUOTED AS INDICATING US REACTION COMES AS "NO SURPRISE" AND THAT TALKS ON THE MATTER WOULD BE "LENGTHY." BUCHANAN

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